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CHARLESTON, IL--Tyrone Davis (East St. Louis-Lincoln), Eastern Illinois University fullback, was the No. 2 runner for the Panthers and set a national rushing record this season.

Davis, a 5-10 sophomore, picked up 229 yards on the ground however was used mostly as a blocking back. He was tied with Roger Holoman for most points scored (48) with eight TDs.

Against Western Illinois he ran for 108 yards and set an NCAA I-AA national record for 'Most Consecutive Carries by One Player' with 11 covering two series.

"Tyrone was our most dependable runner in short yardage situations," said backfield coach Mike Williams. "He had sure hands and the strength to pick up that extra yard or two when it counted."

EIU finished 6-5 for its fourth straight winning season. During this stretch the Panthers have a 36-14 record, the best collegiate won-lost mark among Illinois state schools.